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NEA PASS AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, IN, US, UK

SUBJ: DIEGO GARCIA: INFORMING GOI

REF: (A) STATE 019913; (B) STATE 019914

1. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH UK HIGH COMMISSION ON GENERAL SCENARIO AND WILL PLAN IN PRINCIPLE TO WAIT UNTIL BRITISH TAKE LEAD WITH GOI BEFORE DISCUSSING WITH INDIANS. ONLY POSSIBLE PROBLEM WE ENVISAGE IS THAT SUBJECT COULD ARISE DURING PLANNED CALL BY CHARGE AND AMBASSADOR HELMS ON FOREIGN SECRETARY KEWAL SINGH AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 5. IF IT DOES, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT CONFIRMATION THAT GENERAL RATIONALE DESCRIBED (REF B) CAN BE DRAWN UPON AT THAT TIME.

2. INDIANS HAVE CONTINUED TO SHOW CAREFUL RESTRAINT IN COMMENT-

ING IN PUBLIC ON INDIAN OCEAN AND IN NOT COMMENTING ON DIEGO GARCIA SPECULATION IN PRESS. THIS PARTICULARLY NOTICEABLE DURING VISITS OF SRI LANKA PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE AND YUGOSLAV PRESIDENT TITO AND IN VIRTUAL ABSENCE OF SUBJECT FROM COMMUNIQUE ON BOTH VISITS. WE THINK THIS MAKES IT ALL THE MORE IMPORTANT THAT WE BE FRANK AND FORTHCOMING WITH KEWAL SINGH IF HE SHOULD ASK ABOUT THIS QUESTION DURING OUR

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CALL NEXT WEEK.

3. TIMES OF INDIA NEWS SERVICE STORY FROM WASHINGTON DATE-  
LINES JANUARY 31 QUOTES EXTENSIVELY FROM WASHINGTON POST  
EDITORIAL JANUARY 30 CRITICAL OF ANY PLAN TO BUILD UP DIEGO  
GARCIA FACILITIES. ARTICLE ALSO SAYS: "AT HEARINGS BEFORE  
HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE THE US AMBASSADOR TO INDIA, MR. D.P.  
MOYNIHAN, STATED ON TUESDAY THAT HE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE  
ANY OTHER NATION EXCEPT THE LITTORAL STATES HAVE BASES IN THE  
INDIAN OCEAN".

4. UPI CORRESPONDENT LEON DANIEL HAS TELETYPED HIS WASHINGTON  
BUREAU ABOUT THE TIMES OF INDIA STORY AND EXPECTS ISSUE TO  
BE RAISED AT DEPARTMENT'S NOON PRESS BRIEFING.

5. REQUEST GUIDANCE.  
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